

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE

There was an **Abstinence walk** took place on the 6th- 7th June 2007 at Mbazwana to Mseleni and from Phelandaba to Manguzi. The theme for the walk was part of HIV/ AIDS prevention awareness to keep the youth in prevention with drugs, sex, alcohol and crime. The participation was very successful and encouraging.

There was a **Lethimpilo Launch Project** which was introduced by the office of the Premier and Department of Education. The purpose of the Lethimpilo Campaign started when the Department of Education requested the assistance with support coordinating of schools as an inclusive Care and Support of Children and Elders. The aim was to select the certain school/s that would be a centre of rendering the services to the Community, because it has seen that lots of people cannot reach the Government sector. The Programme / Project is called Lethimpilo Programme. It should be a sustainable and should have Action Plan. The identified places are disadvantaged area. The launch took place on the 11th June 2008, at Mshanguzana School and on the 12th June 2008 it was at Bhekabantu Primary.

WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

The formation of women's forum was firstly established from the ward level, two women were selected to represent the Umhlabyalingana women's forum on the 19 June 2008. The Programmes of women are done as per IDP. There is women's summit which is prepared to be on September 2008

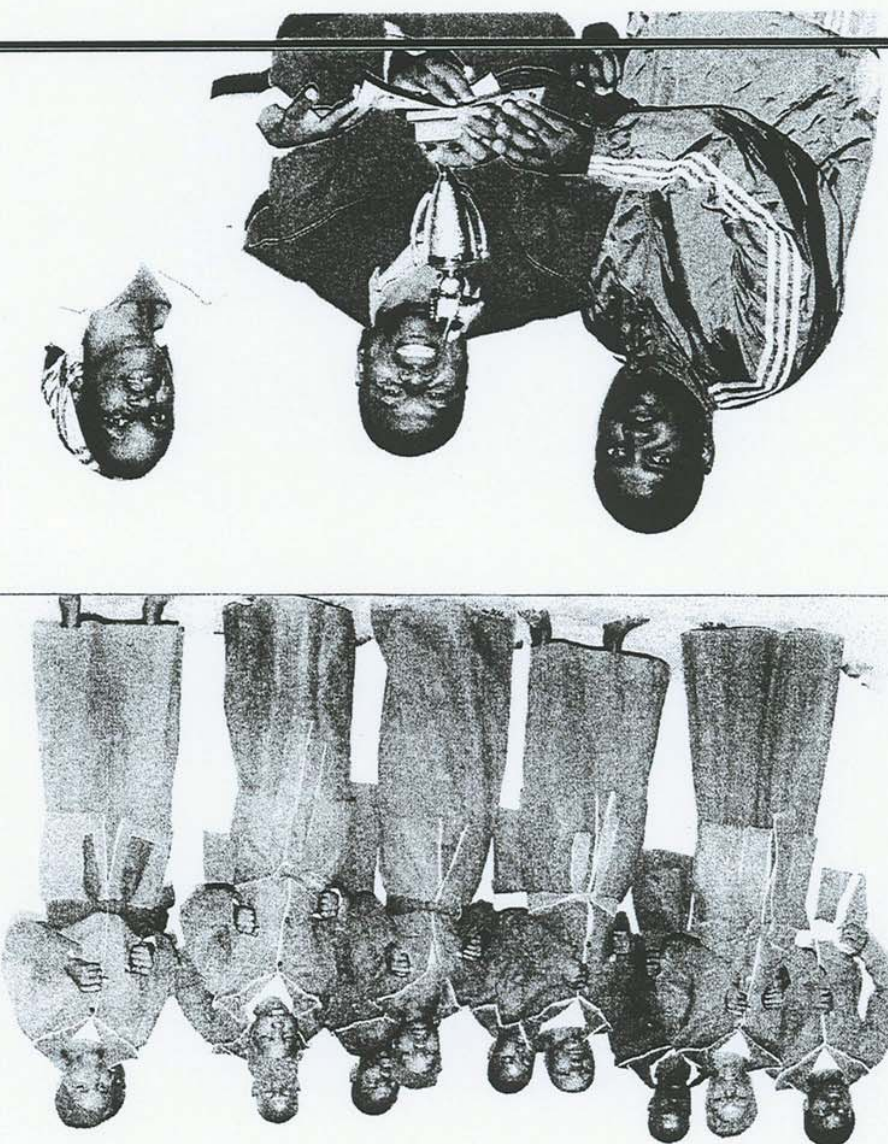
YOUTH PROGRAMME

The National youth day celebration took place on the 25th June 2008, at Mtikini ward 9. The youth desk structure was formed on the 23 May 2008 from ward level. On the 13 June 2008, the Department of Housing conducted the trained for young/youth entrepreneurs, 10 youth of uMhlabuyalingana attended the training, at Richards Bay. The youth participated in sport and in Art and Culture and other activities.

ART AND CULTURE

There was Shono Mzayoni Competition which was on the 4th August **2007**, at Tembe Tribal Hall, five wards with 7 groups participated, the first group got a big trophy with R500, 2nd group got middle trophy with R 300 & 3rd Group got small trophy with R 200. It was a big success. It was also participated in the District Shono Mzayoni which was on the 20th October **2007**, at Makhasa Tribal Hall.

On the 28th to 30th September **2007**, the annual reed dance ceremony took place at Nongoma, in eNyokeni. The girls' attended the ceremony.



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The Municipality provided with the transport to all Umhlabyalingana tribes.

WARD COMMITTEE

There are 13 wards under Umhlabyalingana Municipality, each ward have ward committee structure which reports direct to the ward Councilor about the needs or issues of the ward Committee always holds meeting once a month. Each member claim R 80.00 council support budget if he/she attends the meeting.

REFUSE REMOVAL / WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Municipality has an Integrated Waste Management Plan which was done by the consultant as per IDP. The consultant worked with the 3 towns under Umhlabyalingana which are Manguzi, Skhembelele and Mbazwana. The Department usually purchase refuse bags for these towns.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

The Umhlabyalingana Municipality established the Traffic Department and employed the Chief Traffic Officer who is Mr. K.H Zulu in June 2008.

KZN Department of Traffic has provisional approved the establishment of Driving Licence Testing Centre Grade-E, MEC – KZN Department of Transport has been notified about the establishment of Traffic Department in terms of Section 3 of Road Traffic Act no. 29 of 1989.

Application for Accreditation has been completed and submitted to the SAPS Manguzi in term of Firearms Control Act no. 20 of 2000.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The Disaster management was in partnership between uMhlabyalingana and Umkhanyakude District which was Rural Metro, but due to other circumstances they discontinued working and moved back to Umkhanyakude District

CRIME PREVENTION

On previous year the Manguzi and Mbazwana SAPS, and the Community Policing Forum took an initiative of fighting with crime. There were reports submitted in the Municipality as well as in the Police stations. The Programme discontinue due to the financial constrains.

PARK AND GARDENS

There is no budget

POUNDING

There is no budget, but since the Municipality has developed the Protection Department, it will assist the pound Programme

OUR VISION

We want to see ourselves as the most democratic and developmental municipality in South Africa that will enhance socio-economic growth for all people.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENTAL VISION

The vision underpins an integrated approach to improving the standard of living of all people in the area of Umhlabyalingana area. In order to achieve this vision, the municipality will have to persist functioning in an accountable and financial sound manner.

MISSION

"To create an enabling environment and sustainable development which promotes equality and, freedom, poverty reduction and quality of life for our communities.

CONCLUSION

Although our municipality seems to have more challenges, the objectives of the Department are to work hard on the few Programme that are mentioned and also to meet deadlines.



DIRECTOR LED
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UMHLABUYALINGANA LED AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME

Agriculture is one of the Umhlabyalingana economic pillars, predominantly subsistence oriented farming has been not even a supplement but source of food for food security. Our area is subdivided into a number of farming regions according to climate, natural vegetation, soil type and the type of farming practice that is why in Umhlabyalingana LED Strategy agriculture has been identified as a major economic activity practiced by the local communities. Further quite a number of community based agricultural projects have proposed during the IDP forums of the municipality. Therefore, on the following section the LED department will be reporting on agricultural activities (service delivery) that has taken place during 2007/2008 financial years.

MUNICIPAL TRACTOR SERVICE

The municipality has got two tractors solely for ploughing community based agricultural projects and cooperatives. In this financial year of 2007/2008, in total the municipality has cultivated 4200 hectares of land from all wards of the municipality. All projects that were cultivated must come from the IDP. It is the function of ward councilor to submit projects that need tractor.

In our monitoring and evaluation process visiting the projects statistically, it indicates that 125 community members have created business opportunities for themselves through agricultural projects.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008

Introduction:

Section 153 of the South African Constitution (1996) provides the context in which municipalities should operate. It states that, including giving priority to the basic needs of the community, municipalities should also “promote social and economic development of the community”

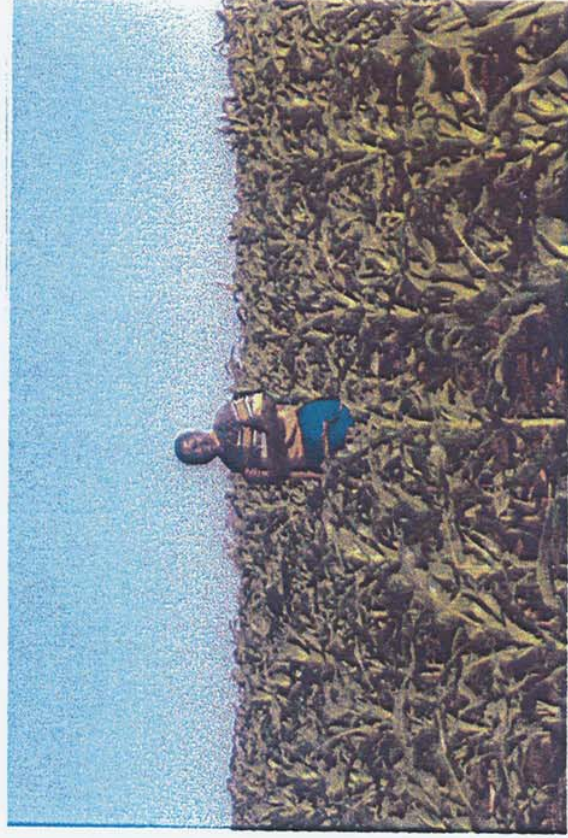
Further to this, the purpose of Umhlabyalingana LED department is to facilitate and ensure that the provision of infrastructure, service and support, thereby creating an enabling environment for citizens to utilize their full potential and access opportunities which enable them to contribute towards vibrant and sustainable economy with full employment.

In light of this, as Umhlabyalingana Local Economic Development Department, we are here by to present an annual report for 2007/2008 on Service Delivery for LED that has been successfully achieved in this particular financial year. Therefore our report is on the following sections:

- Agriculture,
- Tourism,
- SMME development and
- Funding sourced for LED projects



Tractor for the municipality busy on one of LED Agricultural Project at ward 4



Mr Tembe of Bhekabantu Commercial Agricultural Project



Bhekabantu Commercial Agricultural Project of Ward 9



Ungodiwemvubu community is the best example for food security

FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMME

To ensure a sustainable agriculture development and co coordinated approach to agriculture development a food security forum was established. This food security forum comprises all government departments that have interest in supporting agriculture development. The following are the stakeholders sitting on this forum and Umhlabyalingana LED department as the champion:

- (a) Umhlabyalingana Municipality LED Department
- (b) DAEEA (Department of Agric and Environmental Affairs
- (c) Department of Health

- (d) Department of Education
- (e) NGOs
- (f) Umkhanyakude District Municipality

The following are Food Security Projects that have been identified at Umhlabayalingana municipality, namely:

- Umgodi wemvubu @ ward 9
- Vukujule @ ward 11
- Vezukukhanya @ ward 4

An amount of +/- R800 000.00 has been allocated to implement LED food Security Projects at Umhlabayalingana Local Municipality. The picture below is Umgodiwemvubu situated between Sicabazini and Phelandaba of ward 8 and 9.

LED Agricultural Projects in Partnership with Private Institutions



Kwasa Essential Oil Project of Ward 11

Above, Kwasa Essential oil project beneficiaries doing some cutting at their nurseries while Mr. Khumalo of Science and technology the funder watching the passionate woman as they perform their duty



Isambane Essential Project of Ward 11

Above Mr. Jan Lekalakala from CSIR at Isambane LED essential oil project at ward 11, this is on first day after the delivery of container offices as all essential oil project received container office which include a storeroom.

Umhlabyalingana Municipality has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Center for Science Institute and Research (CSIR) on essential oil projects funded by department of Science and Technology. This is a three year project started early 2007 and an amount of R2.5 million has been allocated for the implementation of essential oils project. CSIR is an implementing agent commissioned by department of Science and

Technology. At the moment 28 full time jobs have been created. The main objective of essential oil projects is to promote commercial agricultural practice and empowerment of rural women. The following are photos Showing the success of essential oil projects initiative.



Mr Mkhonto (LED Agricultural Officer) testing the solar powered weather station install at Kwasa Essential Oil Project at ward 11

LED Officer testing the weather station at Kwasa essential oil project, this device is used to monitor weather and moisture content and is controlled from Pretoria.

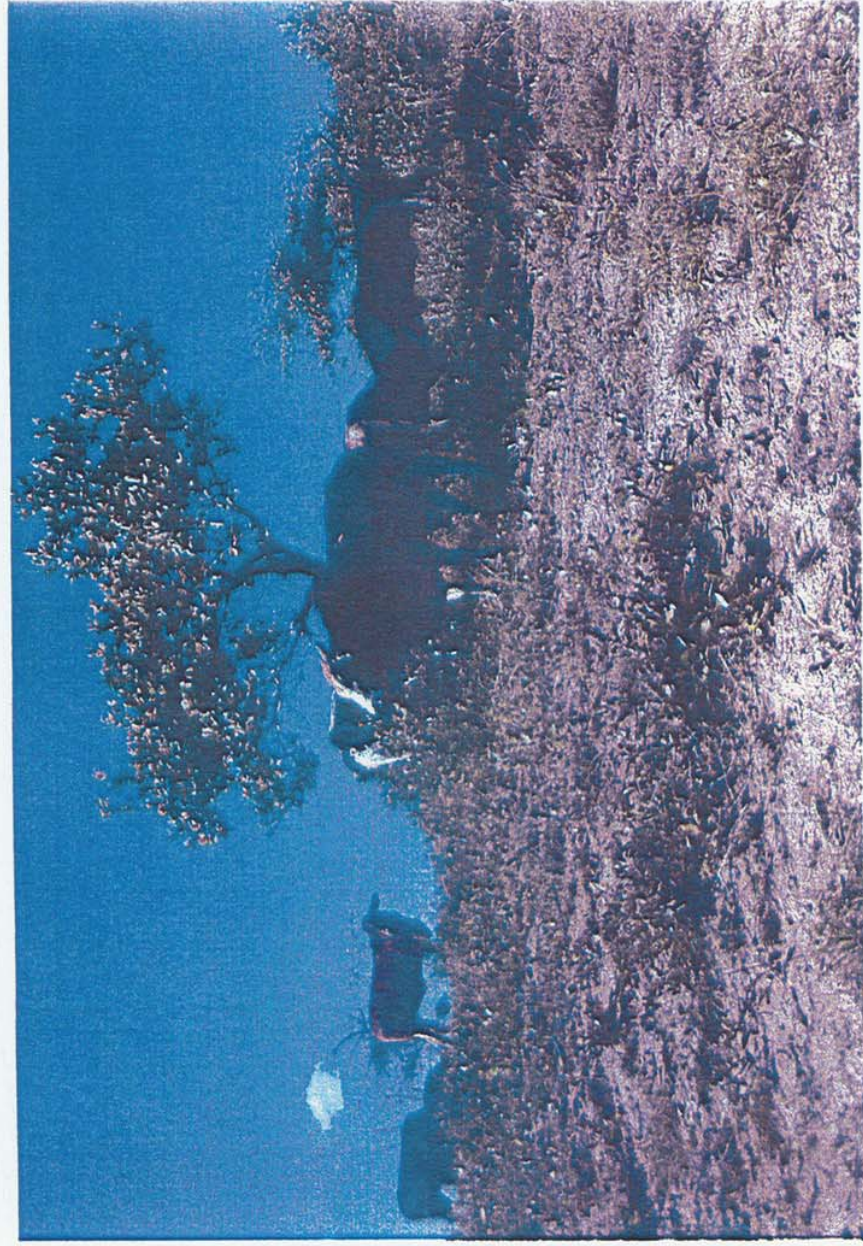
Livestock LED Community Projects

Umhlabuyalingana municipality has initiated quite a number of livestock projects to encourage communities with the culture of farming indigenous goats and nguni-cattles. Namely:

- Mfihlweni Goat Farming project,
- Manzengwenya Goat Farming Project
- Mphakathini Goat Farming Project
- Gazini Goat Farming Project
- Sicabazini Goat Farming Project
- Mafa Nguni Cattle Project
- Nhlangonde Nguni cattle Project



Sicabazini goats Project at ward 8



Nhlangonde Cattle Project of Ward 4



Gazini Goat Farming Project of Ward 12



**Mphakathini Goat Farming Project of Ward 2 with
Inkosi Nxumalo receiving goats**



Members of Mfihlweni Goat Farming Project fencing their project (Ward 11)



Mfihlweni Goat Farming Project of Ward 11



**Gazini Goat Farming Project and members of the patrolling
the fence (Ward 12)**



Gazini Goats Farming of ward 12 the chairperson of the project showing the commitment



Mafa Nguni Cattle Project of Ward 7



Chairperson of Nhangonde Cattle Project Brushing the Bull after live stock management training in Ward 4

Lack of agricultural skills in almost all community projects for agriculture has been a challenge and a cause for failure. Workshops have been arranged for members of agricultural projects. An overall about 300 community members from different agricultural projects were trained during the financial year of 2007/2008. The following are the trainings completed:

- (a) vegetable production
- (b) live stock management
- (c) farm management
- (d) nursery management
- (e) mushroom production
- (f) essential oil production

UMHLABUYALINGANA TOURISM LED PROGRAMME

LED CRAFT PROJECTS



An individual crafter at Maviyo at Skhemelele he is the best on craft made out of plants roots. *WARD 6*

INTRODUCTION

Umhlabyalingana is one of the rural Municipality areas under Umkhanyakude District Municipality declared by he State President as a nodal area which means that it is characterized by poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and victim of the pandemic HIV/AIDS. It is of that reason Umhlabyalingana Municipality has encouraged the local communities on

utilizing the natural resources such as ilala, incema and others in fighting poverty.

PROGRAMME FOR CRAFT DEVELOPMENT

On our last financial year our priority was to try to expose our crafters and get rid of the middle man that has been exploiting the craft industry. To ensure this, we worked jointly with the Provincial Arts, Culture and Tourism Department, NGOs, Department of Economic Development and our District Municipality. The following are the areas prioritized to develop crafters:

- # Craft development
- # Product design,
- # Quality control,
- # Marketing and
- # Exhibition.